



**NATIONAL ARCHERY  
IN THE  
SCHOOLS PROGRAM**



## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual VIRGINIA National Archery in the Schools Program State Tournament**

### **WHEN: Saturday February 25, 2012**

The Virginia NASP State Tournament will be conducted on Saturday, February 25, 2012.

Participating schools will select from seven available **flights** on a first come, first serve basis:

8:00 am, 9:10 am, 10:20 am, 11:30 am, 1:40 pm, 2:50 pm, 4:00pm

Archers must be in their lanes by the assigned flight times above. To meet this time requirement, schools should arrive **at the tournament registration desk at least 30 minutes before their flight time**. Students and equipment may be dropped off outside the Farm Bureau Multi-purpose building. Bus parking will be designated on site in the Meadow Event Park, Farm Bureau parking lot.

### **WHERE: Meadow Event Park, 13111 Dawn Road, Doswell, VA**

Meadow Event Park is located off I-95, exit 98. The VA NASP State Tournament will be held in the Farm Bureau Building at the Meadow Event Park. The building is located 1.5 miles east of Kings Dominion on VA-30. Please enter through GATE 3. For specific directions, please visit

[www.meadoweventpark.com/directions](http://www.meadoweventpark.com/directions)

The 2012 NASP Tournament will have ample parking and concessions will be available through Meadow Event Park.

### **WHO: Virginia schools participating in the NASP**

1. This tournament is the "culminating event" for Virginia schools participating in NASP. The basic foundation and most important element of the NASP is the in-school archery unit. Therefore, all schools that teach NASP as part of the in-school curriculum can compete in this tournament. This tournament is for schools that are certified and participate in Virginia's National Archery in the Schools Program only. *Program certification will be verified through the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, Outdoor Education files.*
2. Teams or individuals will register in either the Elementary (4-6<sup>th</sup> grade), Middle (7-8<sup>th</sup> grade), or High School (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Division. A student in a lower grade may shoot for a team in his or her school that is in a higher Division but not the reverse.
3. Team members must come from a single school, not a school district or multiple schools.
4. The team size for the 2012 State Tournament will be the National standard of 16-24 archers per team.
5. Team competition will be among schools with 16-24 archers. At least 5 members must be of an opposite gender.

# 2012 Virginia State Tournament Rules

## REGISTRATION:

Registration forms will be emailed to all participating schools and will be available online at: [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov) or [www.HuntFishVA.com](http://www.HuntFishVA.com) Click the upcoming events, NASP State Tournament link.

Registration for the 2012 Virginia NASP State tournament will begin on December 19, 2011 **and will end on January 20, 2012**. All Coaches will need to complete a registration form for your team to compete in the State Tournament. Be sure to complete all areas of the registration form; archer's name, school, division, grade level and gender. Please email the flight preferred (assigned on first come basis) and submit coach's contact information along with t-shirt sizes for your team. We will only be able to accommodate **a total of 560 shooters (80 archers per flight x 7 flights)**. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. **One team per school – Each school may enter one team of 16-24 archers per division for this year's State Tournament. This year's team format will be the same as it is for 2012 Nationals.**

If school has limited amount of bows, the team can be split to shoot in two flights. The tournament will have 1 set of archers on the line per flight. Each flight is scheduled 1 hour to complete. Please see Tournament Rules for details.

You will receive a confirmation e-mail when we receive your completed registration.

If you have any questions please send emails to [Karen.Holson@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Karen.Holson@dgif.virginia.gov) or call 804-367-6355

The registration fee is \$15/student payable by check only, to 'Treasurer of VA' on site the day of the tournament. All money goes to the supporting and covering costs for the NASP State Tournament.

The student registration fee will include a tournament t-shirt and state pin.

## Tournament Rules:

### I. PARTICIPATION

NASP Schools: Every competitor must attend a school offering NASP lessons as part of the in-school curriculum.

4-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: Only students who are in grades 4-12<sup>th</sup> by the date of the tournament may participate.

Team Size: NASP archery teams must contain 16-24 students, at least 5 of which must be of the opposite gender.

Shooting "up": A student, who by grade is in a younger Division (elementary or middle school) may shoot "up" for team in an older Division if that student is from the same school or the same school district and the student's school also offers the NASP as an in-school curriculum.

## II. EQUIPMENT

- A. NASP Bows** Only the stock (original) NASP unmodified Genesis™ compound bow (target colors or camouflage) may be used.
1. **Only thread knots or plastic shrink nock locators will be permitted to be used.** The bowstring may have 1 or 2 nock locators. If two nock locators are used, the arrow nock must be placed between them. This is congruent with the National standard. Brass nock locators are prohibited. Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available at [www.nasparchery.com](http://www.nasparchery.com)
  2. The Bow must be sight and sight-mark free. **Camouflaged bows may be used, but the face of the riser window must be covered with non transparent tape or paint to prevent camouflaged lines serving as sight marks.** All bows will be inspected prior to the start of each flight. Any bow identified by a range official as having possible sight marks will be removed by the archer or the archer's coach and either replaced or the sight marks properly covered. The tournament will not be delayed as such bows are corrected. Range officials are not responsible to cover sight marks. **It is important that archers and coaches check every bow for compliance before their flight time.** If a bow must be numbered or otherwise identified by the school or shooter, such markings should be on the bow limbs or on the riser below the grip.
  3. The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.
  4. The bowstring and cables may be "after-market" but of the same approximate length.
  5. The cable guard, guard slide, wheel, cam, riser and limbs must be original and unmodified.
  6. An archer's bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. as long as no sighting advantage is gained and the face of the riser is solid.
  7. The arrow rest must be original and unmodified.
  8. Only original, unmodified cam and wheel bearings may be used.
  9. All bows must be on bow racks for range officials' inspection before shooting begins.
  10. Once shooting begins, bows must remain on the range, in front of the waiting line until flight concludes, unless directed or approved by range official.
  11. **The bow's draw weight must remain unchanged after the 1<sup>st</sup> non-practice arrow is shot at 10 meters.**
  12. **Loaner Bows:** Archers and schools are encouraged to bring their own NASP bows. A very small number of "loaner" NASP bows will be available in the case of equipment failures.

The only NASP acceptable draw is three fingers under the arrow. **For safety we strongly encourage all archers to anchor at the corner of their mouth. Avoid anchoring in a manner that places the arrow nock near the eye.**

**B. NASP Arrows:** Only arrows and arrow components approved for use in the NASP Tournament may be used.

1. Arrows permitted for use in this tournament are the unmodified, Easton aluminum 1820 Genesis arrows. These arrows will be provided at the tournament. If a school wants to use its own full-length (uncut) 1820 arrows, judges will allow it after inspecting the arrows prior to assigned flight. Arrows provided by the archer must be clearly marked to prevent scoring confusion. Arrows may be marked, crested or taped above the mid-point (towards the nock) for archer identification purposes.
2. Arrow nocks must be the NASP Standard which is glued on a swaged shaft end of the arrow shaft.
3. **OR the arrow may be the next generation NASP Genesis 1820 arrow by Easton with original push-in nock and either blue or gold aluminum shafts.**
4. Only NASP standard size soft plastic vanes are permitted.
5. There may be only 3 vanes on the arrow.
6. Arrow points must be the NASP standard, glue-in, cone shaped and weighting 60 grains.
7. **Arrow Supplies:** Tournament officials will provide 5 arrows (and replacements as needed) in each archer's floor quiver. Personal arrows may be used but they must meet the standards outlined above and

be uniquely marked to identify the archer's arrow. **The new arrow above (#3) will be the arrow provided for use at this tournament.**

#### **Accessories:**

1. Archers may wear finger tabs, gloves, or tape to protect draw-hand fingers. "No-glove" finger protection devices may be placed on the bowstring. Archers may wear armguards to protect the bow arm. Finger and wrist slings are allowed. Wrist slings may be attached using the stock bolt that comes with the strap. The bolt must be made of steel or plastic and must protrude one inch or less beyond the bow's accessory hole. The use of mechanical release aids or stabilizers are prohibited.
2. Sims vibration dampening devices may only be attached to the limbs of the bow.
3. No additional equipment can be attached to the bow
4. All bows, arrows and accessories used by participants may be subjected to inspection, including dismantling at the discretion of the tournament officials. Anyone found using disallowed equipment or modifications will forfeit their awards and be disqualified from the rankings. Disqualifications may affect their teams' ranking.

### **III. COMPETITIVE FORMAT**

#### **A. Whistle Signals: NASP whistle commands will be used to operate the range**

5+ whistles for an emergency- all shooters stop and return bows to rack, go to waiting line  
2 whistles to "get bow"  
1 whistle to "shoot"  
3 whistles to "go get arrows"

#### **B. Range set-up:**

1. Targets will be 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
2. Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
3. Target line will be approximately 6 feet (two yards) from the target butts.
4. There will be 10 (32'10") and 15 meter (49'2") shooting lines.
5. The waiting line will be approximately 4 yards beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
6. **A spectator line will be placed behind the waiting line and all spectators must remain behind this line.**
7. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
8. Approximately 40, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be delineated in the multi-purpose building with 2 archers assigned per lane per flight.
9. Each shooting lane will have 2 shooters assigned per shooting time.
10. 1 of the lane's 2 shooters will be from one school and 1 from another school.

#### **Order of Shooting:**

1. Each archer will shoot 2 practice *ends* of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
2. Each archer will shoot 3 *ends* of 5 arrows (total of 15 arrows) at 10 meters for score.
3. Each archer will shoot 1 practice *end* of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
4. Each archer will shoot 3 *ends* of 5 arrows (total of 15 arrows) at 15 meters for score.
5. Time limit per *end* will be 2 minutes beginning with the 1 whistle "shoot" command.
6. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again by a replacement arrow as instructed by the range official.
7. A dropped arrow will remain on the floor and replaced by a range official.

### **Scoring General Information:**

1. We would like for every coach to provide practice in scoring for the students before the tournament. Practice scorecards will be made available for student archers to practice with before the Tournament. This should prevent some of the stray marks on the card and expedite our scanning time. **Archers will “bubble in” scores and their Archer Number on the score cards for the State Tournament.**
2. All arrows must be scored before any arrow or the target face is touched to avoid affecting the score of un-scored arrows remaining in the target.
3. Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,&1. An arrow touching the line is awarded the higher ring value. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded “0” points. The “X” ring in the center of the 10 scoring ring is scored only as part of the 10 ring in this tournament.
4. The highest possible individual score is 300 points.
5. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials during the same end.
6. **Scoring:** The two archers in the lane will approach the target upon the 3-whistle command. One archer will call the value of each of his/her arrows, when both archers agree the other archer will bubble in the score on the archer's score card. Then the archers will reverse roles.
7. Each score card must be signed by the both archers assigned to the target at the conclusion of the shooting and scoring.
8. **Safety Note:** **Archers must remain standing when at the targets. After scoring, one archer should go safely behind the target line while the other archer pulls arrows.**
9. Only the student archer and the tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.
10. Range officials will gather signed scorecards at the conclusion of each flight **AT THE TARGET**. A copy of their score card will be handed to each archer.
11. Scannable (bubble-type) score cards will be used in this tournament. Archers are encouraged to practice with this type of score card before arriving at the tournament. A sample can be downloaded at the Department website and NASP website. [www.HuntFishVA.com/events](http://www.HuntFishVA.com/events) or [www.archeryintheschools.org](http://www.archeryintheschools.org)

### **Scoring for Elementary:**

1. Lane judges will be available to assist with Elementary students scoring. There will be one lane judge for every three Elementary Lanes.
2. Unless otherwise necessary, Elementary Students will call the score of their own arrows (with lane judge assistance).
3. Arrows touching or cutting a scoring ring line will be given the higher score.
4. Judges will inspect equipment for compliance before shooting begins.
5. Judges will call disputed arrows (when called upon by student scorers).
6. Judges and archers will sign the score card before leaving the range.
7. Judges will deliver the signed score cards to the target group leader at the end of shooting times.

### **Scoring for Middle and High School:**

1. All Middle School and High School students will call and score their own arrows.
2. One student should call the arrows while the other student (from a different school) records the scores, double check the scores and then switch. (See general scoring information above) Remember only one archer should pull arrows at a time while the other archer is behind the target line. **Only pull arrows after all scoring is complete. Archers must stand at the target while pulling arrows.**
3. The score cards must be completed by the students and have two student signatures when finished; Archers must sign their own score card and sign the other student's score card in their lane. Each score

card MUST have two signatures. If there is only one archer assigned to the target, a lane judge will assist and sign the archer's card.

4. Arrows touching or cutting a scoring ring line will be given the higher score.
5. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will assign a Line Judge for every 3-4 lanes.
6. Line Judges will inspect equipment for compliance before shooting begins.
7. Judges will call disputed arrows (when called upon by an archer).
8. Judges will assure scorers and archers sign the score card before leaving the range.
9. Judges will deliver the signed score cards to the target group leader at the end of shooting times.

**All School Divisions – Leave your arrows in the target until all arrows for that target are scored and recorded. If there is a scoring dispute, leave arrows in the target until the score has been resolved. A resolution can not be reached once the arrow is moved or removed.**

## **AWARDS**

### **Virginia NASP State Tournament Awards:**

1. First, second, and third place team awards will be presented to the highest scoring teams in the Elementary (4-6), Middle (7-8), and High School (9-12) Divisions. One Team trophy will be presented to each of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each Division. Each 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams' members will also receive a medal.
2. Team scores will be the sum of the 12 highest scores (must include 4 opposite gender scores) shot by archers from each school in each division during the tournament. The top School from each division will automatically qualify to attend the NASP National Competition.
3. Individual awards will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> individual boys and girls in the Middle and High School Divisions.
4. Individual awards will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place individual boys and girls in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.
5. An over-all champion boy and girl will be determined. (See below)
6. The school with the overall highest score will take home the Virginia NASP State Champion Trophy to display at their school.
7. Additional prizes may be awarded as they are available.

### **“Overall champion shoot-off”:**

To showcase the day's top shooters and to increase excitement for spectators, an overall champion shoot-off will be conducted at the conclusion of the flight shooting and before the awards presentation.

1. The top 3 scoring boys and girls from each Division will be invited to participate.
2. The format for this shoot-off will be as follows:

Each student will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters for practice/warm-up.

Each student will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters for score.

The highest scoring 3 boys and 3 girls will move to the next round.

These 6 shooters will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters.

The highest scoring 2 boys and 2 girls will move to the final round.

These 4 shooters will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters.

The highest scoring boy and girl will be declared Virginia's Over-all Champion male and female archers.

The “X”-ring will be in play throughout these rounds with the number of “X”s used to break ties.

In the event the score and the number of “X”s are identical for any shooters in any round, those shooters will shoot one arrow each. The arrow closest to the center of the “x” will be the victor.



**FAQ**  
**Archery Tournament Frequently Asked Questions**  
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**How do I register the students from my school?**

**Step 1** –Starting December 19, 2011 the registration form will be available on line to download at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov) or [www.HuntFishVA.com](http://www.HuntFishVA.com). Locate “Upcoming events” and click the Virginia NASP State Tournament link.

**Step 2** – Read over the tournament information and registration form.

**Step 3** –Fill in the student’s name, school name, division, students’ grade level and students’ gender on the Registration for Coaches spreadsheet.

**Step 4** – Complete School Information Sheet. Select preferred flight time. Flights will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Professional courtesy in consideration of travel distance is appreciated. Schools may request two consecutive flights so archers can share school equipment. Indicate total number of t-shirt sizes for your archers and up to 3 coaches

**Step 5** – Email completed team registration form and School Information Sheet for your team. submit registration email to: [Karen.Holson@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Karen.Holson@dgif.virginia.gov) by January 20, 2012.

Information containing lane assignments, directions, and other information will be e-mailed to each registered school. (Parking for all school buses is free).

**Step 6** – Review payment information (under Registration section). Archer’s fee for participation is \$15.

Payment for the NASP 2012 State Tournament will be collected on site the day of the tournament. Payment is DUE on or before February 25, 2012!

Complete and submit your registrations before January 19, 2012.

*Schools registering must have received NASP training from the VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and include NASP as a component of their school curriculum. Program certification will be verified through DGIF Outdoor Education files.*

Once your completed registration is received, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

**Additional questions:**

**What constitutes a team?**

For the purpose of registration, a Team refers to a group of between 16 and 24 students shooting in the same division. The Team must have at least 5 boys and 5 girls. To align with the National format a team score will be the top 12 team member’s scores, which must include at least the top 4 opposite gender scores.

**What is an attending school?**

The attending school is the school in which the student is actually enrolled.

**What is a division?**

There are three divisions in this archery tournament, Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> , Middle 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> , and High School 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> . Team and individual competitions will occur within these three divisions.

**What is a flight?**

A flight is a shooting time. There will be seven shooting times or flights during this tournament. Student archers should be in their assigned lanes and ready at 10 minutes before their scheduled flight times. The flight times for the 2011 State Tournament are:

8:00 am, 9:10 am, 10:20 am, 11:30 am, 1:40 pm, 2:50 pm, 4:00pm

**What is a lane set?**

A lane set consists of two students who will shoot in a lane together on the day of the tournament. A lane set from one school will be paired with a lane set from another school to form a shooting lane. Lane sets will be created as registrations are received and flight times selected.

Archers will hang their bow on the bow rack close to their assigned lane. Coaches will remain behind the waiting line. Archers should have their scorecards with them. Prior to the start of each flight, all archers for that flight will be directed to walk to their targets and place their scorecard on the appropriate band board. There will be a band board for each target. Each archer will need to “bubble in” their Shooter Number so their score can be scanned and calculated.

**What if my flight preference is unavailable?**

Flights are available and scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. If you need more positions for your team than are available on a particular flight you will have to register your team in a different flight or for two flights.

If your school is bringing a group of individual archers, they can register in different flights as space permits. Reserve positions in a flight as soon as possible to make sure that you will have the opportunity to participate at the tournament. Remember, positions are available first come, first serve.

**What do the scorecards for the State Tournament look like for this year?**

We are encouraging the coaches to have the students participating in the tournament practice with the scorecards that will be utilized. You can download a Sample Scorecard from the DGIF website or the NASP website. The links are:

[www.dgif.virginia.gov/events/virginia-nasp-tournament](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/events/virginia-nasp-tournament)

or

[www.nasparchery.com/data/nasparchery/file/321\\_5758\\_2009%20Official%20score%20card.pdf](http://www.nasparchery.com/data/nasparchery/file/321_5758_2009%20Official%20score%20card.pdf)

The scorecards will create a carbonless duplicate when completed so the archer will have a record of their scores and a souvenir copy of their scorecard.